Deroceras rodnae in Eastern France (Pulmonata, Agriolimacidae)

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Deroceras rodnae Grossu & Lupu, 1965, hitherto known in France from only one locality (Département du Haut-Rhin) is now reported from four additional localities in the Département Doubs.

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During a visit to the French Jura some slugs of the genus Deroceras were collected, which upon anatomical examination turned out to belong to Deroceras rodnae Grossu Lupu, 1965. As only one French record of the species appeared known (one specimen from the Département du Haut-Rhin, Altena, 1970; "Vogesen" in Kerney et al., 1983), it seemed worth-while to publish the following localities (all in the Département Doubs, J.L.M. Donders & A.J. de Winter leg.):

Source du Lison, 2 km SE. of Nans s/s Ste. Anne, UTM KT70, 375 m a.s.l., 5.vi.1991, 1 specimen. Source de la Loue, 15 km SE. of Ornans, UTM KT90, 520 m a.s.l., 28.v.1991, 1 specimen. Consolation-Maisonette (Cirque de Consolation) c. 8 km SE. of Pierrefontaine-les-Varans, UTM LT12, 600 m a.s.l., 6.vi.1991, 2 specimens. 1 km ESE. of Pierrefontaine-les-Varans, UTM LT13, 600 m a.s.l., 26.v.1991, 2 specimens (all material in Nationaal Natuurhistorisch Museum, Leiden).

All were found in mixed or deciduous forest on calcareous soil, crawling either on logs or on moss-covered rocks.

The species inhabits an extensive area in central and eastern Europe, as summarized by Kerney et al. (1983: 196, map 214). In addition, records have been published from Liguria, NW. Italy (Bodon et al. 1982?), and from Leon, NW. Spain (Castillego & Manga-Gonzalez, 1986).

French specimens have a unicolorous cream external appearance, whereas in other areas spotted individuals also occur (Kerney et al., 1983). Anatomically they fully agree with the descriptions and figures provided in the papers cited.

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